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1. WE APPRECIATE THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY USNATO IN THE
REFERENCED TELEGRAM, LOOKING TOWARD FIRST STEPS IN A RESUMED
EFFORT TO WORK TOWARD A CLOSER SPANISH RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO.

2. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST IN THIS RESPECT TO THOSE WHO WILL BE
REVIEWING THE POSSIBILITIES IS THE FOLLOWING VERY PRELIMINARY
AND INFORMAL INVENTORY WE HAD TAKEN OF SOME POTENTIAL
INITIATIVES WHICH MIGHT MERIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

3. PERHAPS FEASIBLE FOR THE RELATIVELY NEAR TERM:

-- RAPID ACTIVATION UNDER THE TREATY OF THE JOINT MILITARY
COMMITTEE AND THE COMBINED PLANNING AND COORDINATION STAFF,
WITH CJCS AND CINCEUR PARTICIPATION.

-- ELICIT THE APPOINTMENT OF SPANISH LIAISON OFFICERS TO APPROP-
RIATE US MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, FOLLOWED BY HEADQUARTERS ALSO IN-
VOLVING NATO ELEMENTS.

-- SCHEDULE SEMI-ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL
BEFORE, RATHER THAN AFTER, NATO MINISTERIALS.

-- REQUEST USNATO PARLIAMENTARIANS TO VISIT SPAIN IN CONJUNCTION

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WITH NAA SESSIONS IN EUROPE, AS A PRELIMINARY TO OTHER CONTACTS.

- ELICIT SPANISH GOVT VIEWS ON APPROPRIATE SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION BY NATO POLADS AND ECONADS.
- ENLIST MORE ACTIVE SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN CSCE FOLLOWUP.
- ENCOURAGE SPANISH OBSERVATION OF NATO MILITARY EXERCISES ANNOUNCED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT.
- ENLIST MORE ACTIVE SPANISH OBSERVER ROLE IN CCMS (ESPECIALLY SOLAR ENERGY AND AIR POLLUTION). BE RESPONSIVE TO THE SPANISH DESIRE TO ESTABLISH A SOLAR ENERGY CENTER IN SPAIN.
- ENCOURAGE VISITS BY SPANISH JOURNALISTS TO APPROPRIATE NATO HEADQUARTERS FOR BRIEFINGS/BACKGROUNDERS.
- SCHEDULE JOINT EXERCISES APPROPRIATE FOR NOTIFICATION UNDER PROVISIONS OF CSCE FINAL ACT (A PRIME CANDIDATE IS THE SPRING EXERCISE AT CARBONERAS).
- INVITATIONS TO SPANISH OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL TO ATTEND US-SPONSORED, NATO-RELATED MILITARY COURSES IN GERMANY.
- CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT FOR SPANISH ACCESSION TO THE EC.

4. MORE TO MOST DIFFICULT IN THE NEAR TERM:

- SYSTEM OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS TO INFORM--LATER INVOLVE-- SPAIN IN US-EUROPEAN WEAPONS STANDARDIZATION AND PURCHASE EFFORTS (AN IMPORTANT SPANISH OBJECTIVE). EVENTUAL SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN THIS ASPECT OF EUROGROUP ACTIVITIES, PERHAPS USING A FORMULA LIKE THAT WHICH IS BEING SOUGHT FOR THE FRENCH.
 - EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINT NATO-SPANISH WEAPONS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (E.G., TANK RETROFIT PROGRAM NOW BEGINNING IN SPAIN).
 - NAVOCFORMED AND STANAVFORLANT VISITS TO SPAIN/EXERCISES WITH SPANISH UNITS.
 - FURTHER MEASURES LINKING AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MOVING BEYOND COMPATABILITY TO COOPERATION).
 - CLOSER LINKAGE OF US & SPANISH ASW FORCES OPERATING FROM SPAIN.
 - AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE, CONSIDER ENCOURAGING COOPERATION BETWEEN SPANISH AND NATO-RELATED PORTUGUESE MILITARY UNITS, PERHAPS WITH SOME US FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
- STABLER

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